Memorandum

TO

: The Director

12/7/78

: Legal Counsel

SUBJECT

PURPOSE: To report telephonic conversation with Departmental Attorney John L. Martin regarding captioned matter.

SYNOPSIS AND DETAILS: As you know, NUMEC is the code word for the FBI investigation into an alleged diversion of special nuclear material from the Nuclear Material Equipment Corporation. This case has been the subject of congressional inquiry and media coverage.

Departmental Attorney John L. Martin, Criminal Division, telephonically contacted Inspector James C. Farrington this morning upon referral from Section Chief Sebastian Mignosa of the Criminal Investigative Division. Mr. Martin advised that he is heading a three-man Task Force organized by the Criminal Division pertaining to allegations of cover-ups by Governmental agencies in the NUMEC Case. Specifically, according to Mr. Martin, they are attempting to determine if there is any individual agency in the Government which knew about a possible violation of the Atomic Energy Act and did nothing about it.

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Inspector Farrington explored with Mr. Martin various ways in which we could accommodate him, pointing out our long-standing policy of making our files available in lieu of having other agencies disclosing reports furnished them from the FBI. None of the options were favorably received by Mr. Martin since he felt they were too burdensome and would unreasonably delay the inquiry of the Task Force.

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and Mr. Mignosa was then contacted and he approved of this procedure and advised that he could have it implemented. Inspector Farrington recontacted Mr. Martin and advised that in an effort to be as fully cooperative as possible we could set in motion the procedure previously discussed with him.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

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